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**REMARKS**

The Applicants respectfully elect Group I, as set forth by the Examiner, (claims 1-9) for prosecution at this time without prejudice to the importance, value and patentability of the non-elected claims.

The Examiner has also requested the election of a defined structure, i.e., a specified amino acid - as well as a primary or secondary amine, a protecting group, and a metal chelating group. The Applicants respectfully point out and elect a certain species to provide initial guidance in the search and examination of the subject matter of the claims. The Applicants thereby elect the amino acid to be L-lysine, which has a primary amine group (as in pending claim 7), an F-moc protecting group (e.g., claim 9), a hynic (hydrazinonicotinamide) group as a metal chelator and wherein the hynic hydrazine group is protected by a Boc protecting group (e.g., claim 4).

The Examiner is respectfully encouraged to contact the undersigned should any further clarification be required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1943.

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